



Buena Vista Trails Advisory Board  
Public Works Building  
May 3, 2011

Present: Lois Walton, Bob Gray, Pat McCarthy, Ed Eberle, Keith Baker, Roy Gertson,  
Sue Boyd, Rachel Friedman, Kathy Hoerlein

Guests: Julie Mach – SWCC; Alan Robinson – LSR/MRR

1. Lois called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. April 5, 2011 Minutes approved as written.

Julie Mach, Development Coordinator for SWCC, spoke of the two different crews available for trail work. She began by informing us that SWCC started in Durango in 1998 and was modeled after the CCC originally with youth groups. They learned job skills and conservation training. SWCC has been in Salida for 2 years and serve south central Colorado. Last year 1,000 youths were served and funded by the county. One group is a crew of 2 leaders and 6 work members. They are older (16-25), camp where they work and complete more technical trail work for two weeks. The other group is a younger crew, often first experience with trail work and complete less technical work. They work M-Th with Friday as an educational day. This is the type of group we have had here in BV the last two summers. We were glad to learn there is a more technical crew for more challenging trail maintenance for future consideration. Also Julie has grants available at times, will keep us informed and would be able to help us with writing grants. Some are state parks grants, some forest service.

Alan Robinson spoke of 3 public meetings to give the status of the feasibility study of LSR/MRR route being held in Salida, BV and Leadville. This is the first phase for public questions and input. The meeting in BV is Wed., 6:30 p.m. at Sangre de Cristo. The planner will be present as well as Alan to give an appreciation of the historical and heritage nature of this route. Bob said it is a data gathering meeting and the TAB should focus on how the route would pass through BV.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Bike Lanes/Live Well – Rachel reported street striping will take place in May. After discussion it was agreed to just do the striping and educate the public with a note in the water bill and newspaper. The next phase would be to add the bike symbols and way-finding signs with directional arrows for bike routes. It was also discussed to attend a school board meeting and take a bike lane map of town as some felt the school board was not as open to school bike routes. Sue felt the school board now had a more community vision. A presentation to the P&Z was also suggested to give knowledge from the TAB and Rec Board. Potentially there would be 2 meetings in the community with these groups.

- Gas easement trail – Rachel has contacted the Smiths and they have asked for specifics in what to do for the upcoming trail. After the horses are gone, the fencing will be removed probably the end of June. Rachel also suggested keeping the trail on the west side for better use of the space and near trees as it travels to the south.
- CDOT trail construction – Rachel said a survey needs to be done, then the engineering, then the bid. The process is moving along.
- Dog stations – Ed talked with Marvin Hass, the program director for the Rotary Club about some changes to the present containers. The Club is not interested in participating in the revisions. Ed showed pictures with dimensions and recommendations. He felt it best to remove the trash cans and replace them with mounted containers on the post, then spray paint the post green or brown for a better look. Roy will check on cost. Members also looked at different signs and wordage that would be effective and easy to understand. Some liked the visual picture of a person with a dog on a leash for better impact. Rachel will email some choices. Rachel also reported that there is a current town ordinance for dog owners to clean up their dog's waste. The Rec Board asked that "a fine up to \$1,000" could be imposed and be placed on the signs. It was also agreed to put up a watershed sign in the BV Wildlife Trail as there is evidence of dogs on this trail.
- Volunteer Trail Maintenance Day – Lois reported that Sat., June 4 was suggested for our trail maintenance day on the Barbara Whipple Trail. It is National Trails Day and Brett Beasley and Steve Reese were enthusiastic about this date. They would have 5-6 crew leaders. We agreed on having 30 volunteers. Roy said there could be a town website link to sign up at Public Works with Barb. Flyers will be made for advertising as well as a newspaper ad. Roy would meet the week before with Steve and Brett to determine the projects needing work on critical edges and water structures from our previous list. The time would be 8:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m. with lunch provided from 12:00 – 1:00. Ed volunteered to cook on the grill and others will help.
- Memorial trail bench brochures – Roy said the application forms are at Town Hall and one has already been submitted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- May Trail Symposium May 20-21 – This is through Salida. Contact Brett Beasley with Forest Service.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Next meeting – June 7, 2011 9:00a.m. Public Works

Minutes submitted by  
Kathy Hoerlein

*minutes approved  
as written. 6/7/11  
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